

ABSTRACT

5 The invention is directed to methods of assessing
the molecular stage of an disease characterized by abnormal
angiogenesis. More particularly, the invention is directed
to a method of determining the metastatic potential of a
tumor by determining the presence of specific molecular
markers. The invention is based in part on the discovery
that the key marker for determining the eventual metastasis
of a tumor is vascular endothelia growth factor. Knowledge
10 of the particular markers present in a tumor condition allows
the physician to tailor cancer treatment and manage the
disease condition.